

"For the relief of the destitute and prevention of pauperism, the improvement of the public health and the physical condition of the population, there was no one to whose zeal and assiduity the country is more indebted than Mr. Chadwick."

It is quite clear that while as an Association we have done much to educate public opinion along scientific lines toward good doing and good being; and while as individuals, we may have endeavored in our several communities to maintain ever alive that enthusiasm, which alone can keep the people laboring at the infinite task of removing social evils and of uplifting our fellows, yet we must all realize how much there is to do, how little we have accomplished. And yet the struggle has counted for something. To use the words of Browning's "Andrea del Sarto":

"Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp,
Or what's a heaven for?"

Our confession and our faith must be those from Tennyson's "Princess":

"Have patience I replied, ourselves are full
Of social wrong: and maybe wildest dreams
Are but the preludes of the truth,
For me, the genial day, the happy crowd,
The sport half-science, fill me with a faith.
This fine old world of ours is but a child
Yet in the go-cart. Patience, give it time
To learn its limbs; there is a hand that guides."